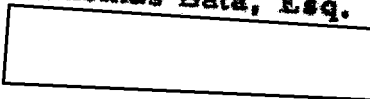


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Thomas Bata, Esq.



Dear Tom:

I sincerely appreciated your letter of May 7th. Unfortunately, at this time I cannot really make forward commitments for next November, attractive as the prospect is of joining you in Bermuda for the meeting of the Young Presidents' Organization. In general, I have had to restrict my speaking engagements, and have concentrated them pretty largely in this general area, and I am afraid that if I made a commitment now, I might have to disappoint you at the last minute.

If, by any chance, next October the situation should ease up a bit and I was able to get away, you might be willing to take me on an "ad hoc" rather than on a "previously advertised starter" basis. I should find it most interesting to meet the group of men which compose your interesting organization.

I am sending a copy of this letter to London.

Sincerely,

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